Circulation of the Magazine Published by Indian Academy of Science

703. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Resonance magazine published by the Indian Academy of Science, has become very popular;

(b) if so, what is its present circulation; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure that its copies reach all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. YOGENDER K. ALAGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The present circulation is close to 9,000 copies.

(c) A promotion drive has been undertaken by the Academy by writing letters, sending specimen copies and posters to over 20,000 schools and colleges and about 2,000 other institutions in the country.

Fraudulent Claims of Inventions by Scientists

704. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidence of fraudulent cliams of inventions by scientists in the country has been on the rise;

(b) if so, what are the details of such fraudulent claims by the Indian scientists that have come to Government's notice stating their names and claims about inventions; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against the scientists found involved in such fraudulent claims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. (PROF. YOGENDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (c) Government have no information to substantiate that there is rise in the fraudulent claims of inventions by scientists in the country. Nevertheless, the research institutions have built-in mechanisms to deal with such claims based on scientific and/or peer group scrutiny.

LPSC in Tamil Nadu

705. SHRI P. SOUNDARARAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that wards of the families of farmers whose lands were acquired for setting up Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre at Mahendragiri in Tamil Nadu, have not been provided with any employment so far;

(b) if so, by when they would be provided with employment;

(c) whether a highly dangerous integrated Liquid Hydrogen Plant was commissioned last year;

(d) if so, what kind of danger or risk people living around the plant are exposed to;

(e) what are the reasons for constructing residential complex for the scientists and staff of LPSC at Nagercoil, 26 Kilometers away, while the affected families are living around the plan;

(f) whether Government propose to pay compensation to the onwers of land